

## DIARY DATES - SPEAKERS

### AUGUST 2023

- 7th** **Mr Lal Goel, Chairman of Organ Donation India Foundation**  
'Organ donation— an Indian and Global Perspective'  
*Vote of Thanks: Richard Power*
- 14th** **Ian Harmer, Business Coordinator at University of Leicester Business School**  
'Developing Closer Connections with local Businesses'  
*Vote of Thanks: Rodney Spokes*

- 21st** **Mariam Piranie, Registered Audiologist**  
'Ear Health'

- 28th** **Bank Holiday—no meeting**

### SEPTEMBER 2023

- 4th** **Peter Gardner, Cocoa Amore**  
'The Story of Cocoa Amore'

- 11th** **Rtn Sue McEniff**  
'Update from Charity Link'

- 18th** **Chris Sturgess**  
'A History of Sturgess'

- 25th** **To be advised**

### ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

Please submit to Bulletin Editor, David Brunton,  
by 22nd August 2023

#### ROTARY CLUB OF LEICESTER

Meetings at the Grand commencing at 12.25  
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Immediate Past President:	Nick Thomson
President Elect:	Ed Cufflin
Junior Vice-President:	TBC
Honorary Treasurer:	David Brunton
Honorary Secretary:	Richard Power
Honorary Assistant Secretary:	Chetna Jansari
Impact Group Chair:	Diana Esho

#### Elected Council Members

Mark Simpson, Babs Marson, Richard Power, Clive Smith,  
Diana Esho, Parmdeep Vadesha, Harmeet Singh

#### Other Contacts:

District Council Representatives: Moira Bartlett,  
John Saunders and Rodney Spokes  
Bulletin Editor: David Brunton  
Club Protection Officer: TBC

#### LEAD COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Club Service	Gordon Arthur
Membership	Parmdeeo Vadesha
Service Projects	Moira Bartlett
Rotary Foundation/Benevolent	David Howard
Communications	Diana Esho

**PRESIDENT - TARA PANKHANIA**

**BULLETIN - AUGUST 2023**

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am delighted and honoured to be chosen as this year's President. Having only joined the Club recently I still feel I have a lot to learn but will do my best to guide the Club through the year and help ensure we continue to support local, national and international communities.

My chosen charity for my year as President is the Cancer Mobile Detection Van in India.



We will work with the Rotary Club of Rajkot, the Rotary Club of Porbandar and the Rotary Club of Wadhwan City in the State of Gujarat. This facility will provide screening for various forms of cancer and will increase the chance of early detection of the disease. Currently there are no such testing facilities in many parts of the country and the mobile Detection Van can travel between towns and villages to provide testing centres. Cancer awareness camps will increase community access by offering screening in convenient locations, thus decreasing travel times and distances for people and

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creating awareness in the nearby villages and rural areas. Temporary clinics will be set up in under-served communities in the state of Gujrat helping men, women and children struggling with undetected cancer and give them access to better health care. Through this mobile testing they will develop the infrastructure to allow doctors, patients, and governments to work together.

We will also continue to support all our established events and fund raising such as the Youth Programmes, Technology Challenge, Kids Out, Calvert, Hampers and Easter Eggs, RYLA and End Polio Now.

I intend to work hard to strengthen the Club Membership by recruiting six to eight new members and increasing diversity. I hope existing members will understand the importance of this and work with Council to attract new members. We will continue to develop the Impact Group as they are an essential element for the future growth of the club. We will work more closely with our Leicester "family", Leicester De Montfort and Novus. Overseas we will also continue to work with our Twin Club Guimaraes and our prospective twins, Bordeaux West and Rajkot in India.

I look forward to an exciting year as President and I know I can rely on your support to make 2023/4 another successful year for the Rotary Club of Leicester.

*Tara Pankhania*  
*President*

## QUIZ NIGHT

There will be another quiz on 27th September around the Literacy Theme, raising funds for Love4Life & other Rotary projects which are supporting literacy. The tickets are now on sale at:

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-quiz-night-tickets-680076957487?\\_ebuga=924787474.1684493893](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charity-quiz-night-tickets-680076957487?_ebuga=924787474.1684493893)

- To be held at Shoe Zone Ltd, Humberstone Road Leicester LE1 2LH at 7.30 pm
- Rotarian David Mathers will be the quiz master
- Rotarian Babs Marsen is the quiz queen
- Refreshments supplied by President Tara
- Raffle Prizes and Prizes by Love4Life

Please come along to support us, we look forward to seeing you for a fun night out!

*Diana Esho*

## THE HISTORY OF THE TARRATT PIN

I have been asked several times by recipients of Tarratt Pin as to it's history.

When I was invited to join the Rotary Club of Leicester, which now seems a very long time ago, I was kindly given, by the late Ivan Tarratt, his Rotary Lapel Badge.

Ivan Tarratt was President of the Club in its Golden Jubilee in 1966 and both he and the Club enjoyed a memorable and successful year, having raised a substantial amount of money for a specially equipped mini bus for the conveyance of partially handicapped old people. It was presented to The City Welfare Committee.

I was told by Ivan when given the Tarratt Pin that it had been given to him by his father George Tarratt, who was one of the 32 founder members of the Club in 1916. George served as President of the Club in 1925, was a member for 48 years and lived to be the last surviving member.

When I was given the honour of being President we had 10 sub-committees, and with their support we were able to assist Rainbows financially to have a purpose built home, and form another Rotary Club (The Rotary Club of Leicester de Montfort in the City Centre) as well as other projects.

A President is so reliant on his committees and Past Presidents in order for the Club to have a successful year. I had the notion of presenting The Tarratt Pin to the Rotarian who gave me the most assistance. I can assure you it was an extremely difficult task as I had been extremely fortunate with the support I had received, the most difficult task being forming the new Club as senior Rotarians were so 'territorial' about starting another club in the city centre.

I felt the committee that the Club was so dependent upon was Club Service, and I asked a 'young inexperienced' Rotarian to be Chairman as I felt he would be excellent on detail, and it proved to be one of my better decisions. Therefore, the first awardee was Rodney Spokes, who later went on to be District Governor.

I trust that members old and new will find this of some interest and I apologise to those who have requested this background, for it taking me so long to produce!

*Brian Groves*  
*Past President*